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affairs. Then he referred to the long delay experienced in the disposal of revenue petitions and suggested that the quarterly or half yearly returns of the revenue cases might be called for.

Deccan:—You think that they are not called for now?

Member:—The result is unsatisfactory. What I submit is that they are not properly attended to.

He further said that the issuing of notices to minors and females in the matter of transfers of registry was not fair and suggested that Deputy Tahsildars might be ordered to conduct these enquiries in their circuits. He also pointed out that tax receipts did not always prove possession. Survey numbers were not to feel therein. This was necessary for ascertaining the amount of tax in the case of properties outstanding with strangers on mortgage. There was room for fraud in the matter of the collection of tax when properties comprised in one patta stood in the possession of different persons. These, he said, had to be looked to and rectified. Again, he represented that Revenue Officers, young in service, were handicapped in their business, as they had no knowledge of revenue matters, and there were no codified laws or regulations on the subject. The rules and regulations relating to revenue matters, now extant, were antiquated and obsolete, and not accessible either to the officers or to the public. As such he prayed that a Committee be constituted of veteran Revenue Officers to look into these rules and regulations with a view to revise and as far as possible to codify them.

Deccan's reply.—The want complained of by the Member is a real one. The Government hope to take action in the matter at an early date.

10. That the Elakad *pakuthi* be transferred from the Muvattupuzha taluk to the Ettumanoor taluk.

Mr. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Ettumanur taluk) said that the Elakad *pakuthi* included in the Muvattupuzha taluk was only 6 miles from Ettumanoor, while it was more than 20 miles from Muvattupuzha. The matter of transfer of the Elakad *pakuthi* to Ettumanoor was agitated and it was pending the decision of the Government now. The work would not be heavy in the Ettumanoor taluk by this addition, as some of the *villages* which it had before had since been taken away from it; moreover, it would lessen the hardship of the inhabitants in that they would no longer have to travel such a long distance as 20 miles to Muvattupuzha to transact their business. Under these circumstances the Member prayed that the transfer should be effected.

Deccan's reply.—Noted.

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